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- 1. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE VISITED CARLOS ROMERO, WHO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACION Y CAPACITACION DE TELECOMUNICACIONES (INICTEL), IN ORDER TO OBTAIN DETAILS ON "COLOR TV SEMINAR" HE MENTIONED TO GEORGE JACOBS DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO LIMA (LIMA 136). ROMERO ADMITTED THAT HIS ORIGINAL PLAN HAD BEEN FOR PERU TO HOST A TECHNICAL SEMINAR FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL ANDEAN PACT COUNTRIES. THIS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE BECAUSE SEMINAR IS DIFFICULT TO COORDINATE AND COSTLY; GOP HAS NOT BUDGETED FOR SUCH AN EVENT IN 1977. ROMERO'S IDEA NOW IS TO ORGANIZE A TECHNICAL SEMINAR FOR PERU ONLY. A WORKING GROUP TO ORGANIZE THIS EVENT HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMED AND IT COULD BE HELD AT THE END OF 1977 AT THE EARLIEST. FOR THIS REASON ROMERO THINKS IT MIGHT BE BEST TO HAVE THE SEMINAR COINCIDE WITH A DEMONSTRATION OF COLOR TV SYSTEMS AT THE TENTH PACIFIC FAIR SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 16-27.
- 2. ROMERO STATED THAT FRENCH SYSTEM IS NOT SUITED TO LATIN AMERICAN NEEDS AND THEREFORE FRANCE WOULD NOT BE INTERESTED IN UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTICIPATING IN SEMINAR OR EXHIBITING AT FAIR. ON THE OTHER HAND, GERMANY IS STILL PUSHING FOR ADOPTION OF PAL SYSTEM IN PERU AND WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY ACCEPT INVITATION FROM INICTEL TO PARTICIPATE IN SEMINAR. ROMERO BELIEVES GERMANY WILL EXHIBIT PAL SYSTEM AT 1977 PACIFIC FAIR AS IT DID AT 1975 FAIR. INTERESTINGLY, ROMERO NOTED THAT JAPANESE FIRMS HAVE BEEN VERY AGGRESSIVE IN PROMOTING JAPANESE PRODUCED NTSC EQUIPMENT IN PERU

AND HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THEY FEATURED THIS EQUIPMENT IN THEIR PAVILION AT THE TENTH FAIR.

- 3. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER OR NOT INICTEL IS SUCCESSFUL IN ORGANIZING A TECHNICAL SEMINAR, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE MOST PRODUCTIVE FOR U.S. MANUFACTURERS TO EXHIBIT NTSC SYSTEM AT THE TENTH PACIFIC FAIR TOGETHER WITH A TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR WHICH COULD BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE U.S. PAVILION. TOP DECISION-MAKERS AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL WOULD BE INVITED TO ATTEND.
- 4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GETTING EIA'S REACTIONS TO SUGGESTION PARA 3 AND REPORT BACK TO EMBASSY IN ORDER THAT WE BEGIN TO PREPARE. HANSEN

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